

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

1      41. (twice amended) A method of using a catheter to form an occlusion  
2      comprising:  
3              disposing an electrolyzable core wire near the situs of said occlusion;  
4              disposing a separable elongate tip portion extending from said catheter  
5      and coupled to said core wire at said situs of said occlusion, said separable  
6      elongate tip portion being more resistant to electrolytic disintegration in fluid than  
7      said electrolyzable core wire, and being a long and substantially flexible segment  
8      prebiased to form a helix when extended from said catheter; and  
9              detaching said separable elongate tip portion from said core wire by  
10     electrolysis.

1      45. (twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 44 further comprising a  
2      ~~22~~ stainless steel segment, [comprises] said stainless steel segment comprising a  
3      coil having a proximate and distal end and connected at its proximate end to said  
4      core wire and connected at its distal end to said elongate tip portion of said  
5      apparatus.